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In re application of : Confirmation No. 1839

Yohei KATAYAMA et al. : Docket No. 2004_0305A

Serial No. 10/786,115 : Group Art Unit 3683

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RESPONSE

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 THE COMMISSIONER IS AUTHORIZED TO CHARGE ANY DEFICIENCY IN THE FEES FOR THIS PAPER TO DEPOSIT ACCOUNT NO. 23-0975

Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement of December 17, 2004, Applicant hereby elects Species B, which is illustrated in Figs. 2-7. Note, that claims 1-3, 5 and 7-9 read on the elected species.

Currently, claim 1 is generic.

Having made the required election, a full examination on the merits of the elected species is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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